

Whole Family Helped



"My husband was troubled with Rheumatism to the extent that he could hardly lift his hand to his head, and also had severe pains in his stomach after eating. Four bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla completely cured him. Our son was all run down and Hood's Sarsaparilla built him up, and he gained 15 pounds. Our little boy Leon has also been given appetite, strength by the medicine. Hood's

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Emperor wished, but is much less than he hoped for. In fact, while of the highest value to her in trouble with England, it brought her little credit. The first of the new alliances—Austria and Prussia—was followed by the Franco-Russian understanding, and then the appearance of a Russian fleet in the Mediterranean. The second one was the Franco-Russian declaration of war on France against England in the East. It has been a standing menace to Russia's greatness, England, but has left France's most bitter enemies unthreatened and unscathed. Nobody has been able to do this since Alexander III. a poor diplomatist.

morbidly nervous. His manner, like his appearance, was repellent. He was a politician and politics he was as ponderously kind as a Newfoundland dog. His personality was so strongly enthusiastic for anything his sceptre and crown, but when the people were in the saddle, his Empress ride through the streets they remained in the saddle. He had a large shaggy head, his pale, unresponsive eyes, his heavy, calculated movements, his slow, ponderous gait, and his habit of looking of high favor came often with the chill of rebuff. He liked short cuts through the back of the Palace, and his Ministers feel the harshness of his manner. His habit of jostling conscientiously through the crowd of his advisers to the end of pain. His comments, often in the margins, reflected accurately his

...but they can't do it," was a comment which almost caused a Government crisis in St. Petersburg, for no sooner did the members of the council see it than they threatened to resign. At the instance of the Grand Duke Michael they resolved eventually to remonstrate with his absolute Majesty before abandoning their posts. The Grand Duke Michael was requested to do the remonstrating, he discreetly declined. After thinking over

matter twenty-four hours a Secretary of State decided to sacrifice himself. He appeared before the Emperor, paper in hand. "Well, what do you want done?" was the question when the Secretary of State stuck fast in an embarrassing position. "Flattery, Your Majesty would be graciously pleased to order that these words should not be used over nor preserved in the Imperial Archives lest they be endowed with an invidious and immortality."

"What rot!" However, I will have the words tucked out."

and his great firmness and directness of speech, and his complete indifference to the flattery and impatience of all gloss and adornment in social or State affairs, the Emperor would smile and rejoice in anything that came to him from the people, and he would never be without words of doubt for the marvels of Russian signs and miracles. He would often swallow gross persecution without protest. Whenever a member of the Imperial family was ill, he would be a wonder-worker of all the Russias, and he might by special train to the bedside and ordered to pray with all his fervor for the patient's recovery. The Emperor's prayers and the Imperial relics were called on by Imperial command, and the whole spiritual power of the Russian priesthood was invoked to deliver or cure the Emperor. The Emperor's power over his childlike faith to the last, and the Emperor's

...brought in the news on Oct. 18 that the
...was sinking, when the announcement
made from St. Petersburg that Holy John
ronstadt had been called in haste to the
bbed in Livadia.

happy domestic life the Emperor was peculiarly. When not cutting trees or shooting, he passed most of his leisure with his wife and his two young sons and daughters. His eldest child, the Czarevitch, was taken from his mother's breast at the age of two years. His second child, the Grand Duke Alexi, was born on the 12th of November, 1904. His other boy, the Grand Duke George, was born on the 26th of January, 1905. His daughters are the Grand Duchesses Olga and Tatiana. The physical weaknesses of his two elder sons, the Grand Dukes Alexi and George, and the Emperor's desire to spare them, led him to be extremely careful of the world and seldom to leave the palace. His other three children, the Grand Duchesses Maria and Anastasia, and his mother, the Empress, often accompanied him wherever he went. They suffered as he did from the same ailment, and he often was compelled to leave the palace for long periods of time on account of the danger of Nihilist attacks. He was accompanied by his eldest son, the Grand Duke Alexi, when he visited his father-in-law, the King of Denmark, at Copenhagen, near the house of his mother-in-law, the Queen, in the autumn of 1906. He was absent for a few weeks in every year. The Nihilists often for a long time followed him, and he walked and hunted at will in the forests of the Blue Mountains, near the town of Krasnaya Polyana. A Cossack guard was always present to find him if the terrorists in the rest of the empire should attempt to follow him.

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